



# EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

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### SITUATION REPORT

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Winter Ice Storm

February 1, 2002 0800 hrs.

**SITUATION:** A large winter storm system containing snow, ice and rain has been affecting the Northwest 2/3ds of the state. The storm started during the day on Tuesday January 29 as rain changing to sleet to ice. As the temperatures dropped in the Northwest portion of the state the precipitation changed to snow, reported accumulation of 12" in some locations. The system exited the state during the overnight hours. The Southeast portion of the state reported heavy rain with some minor small stream flooding.

As a result of the ice and power outages, Governor Holden issued an executive order declaring a State of Emergency for counties in the west, central and northern counties of Missouri on January 31, 2002. Shelters were opened in many counties to accommodate the large number of affected individuals. Downed trees continue to affect power restoration and debris removal will present major problems in the coming days. Power crews from all over the Midwest have come to provide assistance to power companies in the affected areas.

Communities that have been affected by this storm have begun to report their damages to the State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA). Disaster Recovery teams from SEMA will begin to travel to the affected communities for preliminary damage assessments in the near future. Communities that have not reported their damages to SEMA are encouraged to do so as soon as possible.

### **JURISDICTIONS:**

**Kansas City** - EMD reported they opened their EOC at approximately 8:15 p.m. on January 30. Reported ice and sleet in the area since Tuesday. Ice has covered most of the metro area. Numerous fires due to downed power lines. Parks department assisting with downed tree limbs. American Red Cross activated. Kansas City declared a State of Emergency on January 31. Six shelters are opened. Estimated approximately 270K remain out of power. Almost all primary and secondary streets are open.

**Independence** - EMD reported numerous fires and answering other calls. One shelter opened.

Estimated out of power. ARC operating a canteen. EOC full activation. Six major power sectors out. EOC, Police Department and city out of power.

**Bates County** - Butler has opened a shelter.

**Cass County** - EMA reported power being restored, debris all over, shelter is open in Harrisonville. Additional shelters have opened in Pleasant Hill, Raymore, and Belton. Five cities without power. Eight structural fires so far.

**Johnson County** - Two shelters opened in Warrensburg. Additional shelters have been opened in Knob Noster, Centerville, and Holden.

**Pettis County** - ARC has a shelter established at City Hall. Situation has stabilized.

**Clay County** - Liberty - State of Emergency, city only. Officials meeting this morning. No assistance requested. Lack of Power and debris biggest problems. Gladstone - Situation is similar to Liberty. Shelters have opened in the cities of Gladstone, Liberty, and North Kansas City.

**Lafayette** - Shelters have been opened in Lexington, Higginsville, Concordia, Alma and Odessa. There are no reports of occupants.

**Platte County** - A shelter has been opened in Riverside with no report of occupants.

**Saline County** - A shelter has been opened in Marshall with no report of occupants.

**Ray County** - A shelter has been opened in Richmond with no report of occupants.

**St. Clair and Henry County** - No reported problems.

**Randolph County** - Reported City of Moberly issued a Declaration of Emergency and opened a shelter. They also reported additional space available and they are working with the ARC for food and cots.

**Macon County** - City of Macon issued a Declaration of Emergency. No assistance requested.

**Chariton County** - One shelter open in the City of Brunswick.

**SEMA** - Duty Officer began receiving calls at about 5:30 p.m.

- Coordinated with American Red Cross on sheltering, ARC sent representatives to SEOC on 1/31/02.
- Briefed Governor's Office, DPS Director and MOARNG.
- Contacted Public Service Commission. They reported power companies are bringing in crews to help power companies handle power outages, support from in and out state crews being brought in.
- Level 1 Activation at 0800 on 1/31/02 and will continue 24/7 for the next few days.

- Division of Social services sent representative to assist with sheltering.
- Provided input to Governor's Office for the Declaration of Emergency.
- 43 shelters opened

**Recapitulation of open shelters:** 43 Total

- Kansas City- (6)
- Bates County - Butler Methodist Church
- Raytown City Hall
- Blue Springs
- Lee's Summit
- Warrensburg - (2)
- Knob Noster City Hall
- Holden
- Centerview
- Marshall Presbyterian Church
- Carrollton
- Norborn
- Bogart
- Sedalia City Hall
- Liberty
- Gladstone
- North Kansas City
- Independence
- Lexington (2)
- Higginsville (3)
- Concordia (2)
- Alma
- Odessa (2)
- Moberly
- Harrisonville
- Pleasant Hill (3)
- Raymore
- Belton (2)
- Riverside
- Richmond
- Brunswick

**Forecast:** National Weather Service forecasts partly cloudy today with highs in the upper 20's Northwest to mid to upper 30's Southeast. Winds 5 to 10 mph gusting to 20 mph. No precipitation forecast until next Monday evening. Temperatures over the weekend will range from highs in the upper 30's and 40's and lows in the lower 20's to 30's.

**General:**

- Restoration of power continues to be a problem though crews working in all areas as rapidly as possible.
- Governor considering submitting a request for a Presidential Declaration.
- SEMA is continuing to monitor the situation and coordinate with local officials, American Red Cross and Salvation Army on sheltering. Most areas will be faced with debris removal due to downed tree limbs. Preparation for deploying Damage

Assessment Teams. SEMA and FEMA Damage Assessment Teams will be working this weekend.